



IEN Program Resource Advisory Council (IPRAC)

June 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

(Approved October 11, 2011)

The June 14, 2011 meeting of the IEN Program Resource Advisory Council was held in Conference Room 302 of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Teresa Luna (Vice Chair), Director, Dept. of Administration
John Miller, Dean of Off Campus Instruction, College of Southern Idaho
Jerry Reininger, Director of Information Systems, Meridian School District
Sen. Bert Brackett, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee
Sen. Shawn Keough, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (phone)
Rep. Darrell Bolz, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee (phone)
Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Rep. Wendy Jaquet, Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee

Alternate

Brad Patzer, Idaho Digital Learning Academy

Absent Members

Sen. John Goedde, Chairman of Senate Education Committee
Jay Larsen, Executive Director, Idaho Technology Council
Shelly Sayer, Premier Technology Inc.
Cheryl Charlton, CEO, Idaho Digital Learning Academy
Rep. Bob Nonini, Chairman of House of Representatives Education Committee

Others Present:

Julie Best, IEN	Garry Lough, IEN
Martin Bilbao, ENA	Jodi McCrosky, Qwest
Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO	Keith Murphy, Qwest
Bob Collie, ENA	Debra Stephenson-Padilla, IEN
Mike Costa, IEN	Joel Strickler, Qwest
Robin Finch, Dept. of Administration	Mike Vance, ENA
Brady Kraft, IEN	Greg Zickau, OCIO

The agenda order was adjusted as a quorum was not immediately present.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr Reininger reported on items discussed at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of June 1, 2011:

- Bandwidth saturation parameters: in considering future bandwidth needs the committee decided that 50% usage will flag the need for awareness and 75% will warrant closer consideration of the district's needs.
- Non-IEN bandwidth: there are several reasons why districts might use bandwidth in addition to that provided by the IEN; to augment bandwidth levels; there may long-term contracts that cannot be broken; districts might feel the need to spread risk; or they might be supporting local providers who have invested in their community.

CONNECTIVITY REPORT

Brady Kraft reported that 79 districts (125 schools) are completed. An additional five districts (22 schools) are complete in terms of the installation work but the schools have chosen to delay the final connection to their local area networks until the school term has ended. Of the remaining 36 districts in progress, nine are not facing any obstacles and are expected to be completed in July. The final 27 districts are being closely tracked in case obstacles arise so that they can be dealt with quickly. Mr Kraft expressed confidence that all these schools will be connected before the start of the new school year.

E-RATE HISTORY

Brady Kraft shared a report showing how the IEN has increased the E-Rate funding for Idaho from FY09 to FY12. E-Rate funding received independently by schools has remained relatively level, averaging about \$5.5M/year. Over and above this, the IEN consortium in FY10 brought in \$639,774 and the projected figures for FY11 and FY12 are \$2,554,196 and \$5,452,028 respectively.

Mr Kraft acknowledged the significant contribution from Education Networks of America (ENA) regarding E-Rate. By comparison, Wyoming (handling E-Rate in-house) had taken 5 ½ years to be approved for their first E-Rate payments whereas Idaho was approved seven months into the first programming year. ENA's expertise with E-Rate is also evident in the audits and performance assessments that have been carried out.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Garry Lough introduced Julie Best, Content Coordinator for the IEN. Most of the communications work since the last meeting has centered around the development of the "Interactive Video Course List" – assisting schools to leverage this catalog as originators and/or receivers.

COURSE CATALOG

The content of the "Interactive Video Course List" reflects information on the IEN website but is intended as an easy reference for teachers, students and parents. Given that schools vary in their scheduling timelines, this catalog will be frequently updated. The difference in district schedules requires flexibility but schools are working around this issue.

ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS

Greg Zickau provided a final update regarding alternative providers. Agreements are now in place; wired and wireless circuits have been ordered and it is expected that the relevant schools will be connected by the fall.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Rep. Jaquet moved and Dr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2011 at 1:30pm in the Barbara Morgan Room of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO